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1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP ANDY YOUNG GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT IN BUCHAREST IF YOU WERE TO SEND HIM A VERY BRIEF STAGE-SETTER BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL. HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT BRIEFING BOOKS NOT BE PREPARED, THEREFORE YOUR PIECE WILL HAVE TO BE VERY SHORT AND PUNCHY TO GET READ AT ALL. WE WOULD SAY NOT MORE THAN TWO NORMAL PAGES. TIME, UNFORTUNATELY, IS SHORT. IT SHOULD BE CABLED TO HIM IN GENEVA BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 12.

2. BUCHAREST POST REPORT DATES FROM 1975 WHICH MAKES IT THREE YEARS OLD. WHAT WITH EARTHQUAKE AND OTHER STARTLING EVENTS DURING THESE YEARS, HAVE YOU GIVEN THOUGHT TO AN UP-DATE OR A REDRAFT IN NEAR FUTURE? VANCE

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